

REMARKS

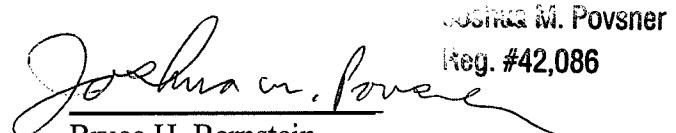
In the outstanding Final Office Action, claims 38, 45, 46, 56, 58 and 61-69 were again rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Upon entry of the present amendment, each of claims 38, 45, 46, 56, 58 and 61-69 will have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. The cancellation of claims 38, 45, 46, 56, 58 and 61-69 renders moot the outstanding rejection, but should not be considered an indication of Applicants' acquiescence as to the propriety of the outstanding rejection. Rather, Applicants have cancelled claims 38, 45, 46, 56, 58 and 61-69 in order to advance prosecution and obtain early allowance of claims in the present application.

Applicants particularly note that claims reciting subject matter similar or identical to the subject matter of cancelled claims 38, 45, 46, 56, 58 and 61-69 may be submitted in a subsequent continuation application.

Should there be any comments regarding this Response of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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